



# County Manager's Monthly Memo

From the Santa Fe County Manager

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## Board Of County Commissioners Upcoming Schedule

- June 24 at 1p.m.
- July 8 at 2 p.m.
- July 29 at 1 p.m.
- August 12 at 2 p.m.
- August 26 at 1 p.m.
- Sept. 9 at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 30 at 1 p.m.
- October 14 at 2 p.m.
- October 28 at 1 p.m.
- Nov. 25 at 1 p.m.
- Dec. 9 at 2 p.m.

All Regular Meetings are held on Tuesday in the County Commission Chambers at 102 Grant. Ave.

All regular meetings are broadcast live at [www.santafecountynm.gov](http://www.santafecountynm.gov) and on Comcast Ch. 28 or you can listen live on Que Suave AM810

## Special Board of County Commissioner Next Zoning Map Meeting

Wed., June 25 at 5 p.m.  
County Commission Chambers, 102 Grant Ave.

## Vista Grande Public Library Get More Space



View of the new Vista Grande Public Library Extension from the back of the building.

Santa Fe County recently completed the Vista Grande Public Library Expansion. The expansion added 4,000 square feet to the existing Library which will not only accommodate the expansion of the library, but also add a reading area and additional computer stations. The new portion of the library will also have additional office space, three new tutoring workstations for after school tutoring, G.E.D instruction and literacy programs and allow for many other activities and uses.

In the design a separate entrance was also installed so community meetings could use the space without opening the entire library and so the space could be used for movie night and the creative writing program for teenagers.

Santa Fe County received the certificate of occupancy in June and will host a ribbon cutting ceremony in August. The project cost came in at \$890,000 and was funded by Capital Outlay Gross Receipts Tax.

### Energy Savings

**Energy Saving Day Lighting:** The building is designed to be primarily "day lighted". The use of day light will reduce the amount of electrical power and keep the building cooler during the summer.

**Natural Gas and Economizer:** The rooftop HVAC system relies on natural gas for heating. Each unit has an economizer cycle allowing the unit to use outside air for ventilation and cooling during Spring and Fall.

**Day Light and Occupancy Sensors:** The electrical lighting is tied to occupancy, so lighting will not be used for empty rooms. Photo sensors will dim the lighting in the main Library collections area when day light provides the light levels required.

**Roof catchment cistern and drip irrigation:** Two buried cisterns provide for 5,000 gallons of water harvested from roof drainage for the landscape "drip" irrigation system.

**Recycled and renewable materials:** The major building material is steel which can include up to 60% recycled steel. Primary flooring material is carpet tile with a minimum of 25% post industrial recycled content. Engineered wood "glu-lam" beams in the ceiling provide large wood structural spans.

# Santa Fe County 2014 Fire Cadet Academy Graduation Class



On Friday, June 6 Santa Fe County graduated six cadets from the 2014 Santa Fe County Fire Academy Class. The Fire Academy is a 12 week academy that prepares fire fighters for the field both mentally and physically.

Santa Fe County would like to congratulate Garrett Grantham-Philips, Randal Haugen, Anthony Leyba, Alex Locklin Jacob Mares, Paul Serino for their hard work and dedication. Best of luck in your fire career!



**Above:** The Cadet Class just before they took their Oath and were sworn in as official Santa Fe County Fire Fighters.

**Left:** Paul Serino was pinned by his daughter as Chief Sperling assisted.

**Below:** The graduating class presented Assistant Chief Moya and Fire Chief David Sperling with their class gift to the Santa Fe County Fire Department.





## Santa Fe County Saving Money With Pavement Restoration Program

The Santa Fe County Pavement Preservation Program for 2014 is in full swing. The program, which started last year has chip sealed four roads this year and recently completed a two inch asphalt overlay on another road, an additional 10 roads are scheduled before the paving season ends in September. Research has proven that for every \$1 spent on pavement preservation you save \$10 in future roadway costs and extend the life expectancy of a road by 10 years.

"Through the Pavement Preservation Program Santa Fe County can significantly decrease the cost of future road maintenance and road construction, while keeping a network of roads in good condition," Diego Gomez, Road Maintenance Manager.



Above: County Crews put a 2" asphalt overlay on CR 70 (West Alameda)

## From the Cerrillos Hills State Park Attracting and Sustaining Beneficial Insects

**Join the Cerrillos Hills State Park on Saturday, June 21 at 2 p.m. for the Attracting and Sustaining Beneficial Insects lecture!**

Wasps and flies and spined soldier bugs, oh my! Many beneficial insects are mistaken for pests when they can be your best ally in keeping the real pesky pests under control. Tessa Grasswitz, entomologist with New Mexico State University, will show you how to identify these critters, as well as attract and sustain them for a truly beautiful garden.

### CERRILLOS HILLS STATE PARK

#### LOCATION & HOURS

Park: Open sunrise to sunset daily. The entrance is off County Road 59, 1/2 mile north of Cerrillos Village. There is a \$5 per vehicle day use fee, payable at the self-pay station at the park entrance.

Call 505 474-0196 for more information.

## *Thank You Santa Fe County Fire Department*

On behalf of the Pojoaque Valley School district, I want to thank you and all your staff who assisted us this year. The assistance provided to us this year by your Medical units was immeasurable. Your staff also provided support during our sporting events, community events and training exercises. Specifically, our District Lockdown drill which was conducted in April was a success largely in part because of the efforts by Assistant Chief Martin Vigil, Dave Dogruel, Captain Patty, Lt. Mick Montoya and Victoria DeVargas. Your support during the National Dance Institute community performances and the Pojoaque Valley High School Graduation ceremony was also greatly appreciated. We welcome and appreciate the efforts of Captain Patty and Victoria in providing fire system inspections and occupancy standards. We are fortunate to have such a professional and committed fire department to serve our school community of approximately 2258 staff and students. Again, Thank You!

Gary J. Johnson, Discipline Officer/Director of Security  
Pojoaque Valley School District

## Reducing Drug Addiction in Santa Fe County

### TREATMENT:

The County released a Request for Proposals to hire a contractor to develop a comprehensive behavioral health program that would reduce opiate addiction in Santa Fe County, with a specific emphasis on pregnant women. In 2013 the Community Services Department contracted with La Familia for a total of \$108,000 to develop a treatment program for pregnant women who are addicted to opiates. The program was based on both anecdotal and other evidence indicating a significant increase in babies born with neonatal withdrawal symptoms. La Familia is also tasked with developing a public awareness campaign to increase the number of pregnant addicted mothers getting prenatal care. Funds for public outreach are being matched by the Baby Fund and Christus St. Vincent.

### LEADERSHIP:

Santa Fe County has been partnering with Santa Fe Public School and the New Mexico Department of Health to organize and lead Santa Fe Opiate Safe (SOS). SOS is a community based group of providers, advocates, law enforcement representatives and government agencies who meet monthly to coordinate activities to address opiate addiction on the local level.

### PREVENTION:

Santa Fe County Community Services Department coordinated a Drug Take Back event April 26, 2014 and collected over 600 pounds of unwanted medication. Santa Fe County Community Services Department, Santa Fe County Sheriff, Santa Fe Police, New Mexico State Police, Edgewood Police, Santa Fe County Fire and the Drug Enforcement Administration collected expired and unused drugs in 6 different locations throughout the county. During Take Back events in previous years over 1,000 pounds of unwanted drugs were collected.

Another Drug Take Back event is scheduled for Fall 2014. The process to establish permanent drop sites is slow because acute attention to details is necessary to ensure that drugs dropped off do not make their way into the hands of potential abusers. The Drug Enforcement Administration has very strict guidelines about how a drop box is to be installed and monitored. Locations at the Sheriff's office and at the State Police district office are being prepared to accept unused and unwanted medication.

For more information on any of these programs contact:

505-992-9842

## Santa Fe County Imposes Firework Ban

The Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 2014-46 declaring extreme or severe drought conditions and banning the sale and use of certain fireworks in the unincorporated portions of Santa Fe County and within wildlands in the County.

Santa Fe County is urging residents to enjoy public firework displays this 4th of July!

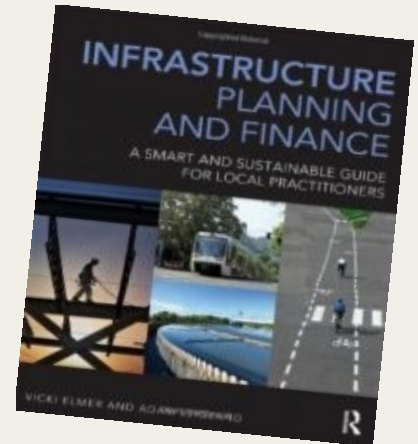
Any type of fireworks that go up in the air such as rockets, aerial spinners, stick-type rockets and ground audible devices including fire crackers are banned from use or sale in Santa Fe County. All fireworks are banned within wild land areas. This includes areas that are covered with trees, grass and shrubs. This resolution shall be effective for 30 days.

## Public Works Director Releases Book

Santa Fe County Public Works Director Adam Leigland recently released his first book titled *Infrastructure Planning and Finance—A smart and sustainable guide for local practitioners*. Adam joined Santa Fe County in December 2011. According to Adam, the book idea arose while he was in graduate school, when his thesis advisor thought Adam's thesis was a good book concept. Adam co-authored the book with his advisor, which was published a few months ago after nearly 10 years in the making.

The original book was complete in 2005, but the original publisher went bankrupt before publication. After five years a new publisher was found and the book was reworked. A new draft of the book was completed in 2012. Just over a year later the book was published!

"Infrastructure projects are often the biggest expenditures a local government will make, and so the book was meant as an intro for local government decision-makers on what different aspects of infrastructure are, why they should care about infrastructure, how to link infrastructure projects to community goals, and how to plan and fund the projects," said Adam Leigland of his book.



**Official Book Description—***Infrastructure Planning and Finance* is a non-technical guide to the engineering, planning, and financing of major infrastructure projects in the United States, providing both step-by-step guidance, and a broad overview of the technical, political, and economic challenges of creating lasting infrastructure in the 21st Century. It is designed for the local practitioner or student who wants to learn the basics of how to develop an infrastructure plan, a program, or an individual infrastructure project.

## What's Happening in Brief at SFC

**Edgewood Burrito Wins State Competition—**As part of the New Mexico True campaign a recent contest was launched to find the best breakfast burrito in New Mexico and create a breakfast burrito byway. I would like to congratulate Katrinah's East Mountain Grill in Edgewood for "bringing home the bacon" and winning the New Mexico True Breakfast Burrito Byway competition!

**County Health Challenge—**As part of the Mayor's Health and Fitness Challenge 2014, Santa Fe County is taking the Challenge. Santa Fe County is mirroring the City campaign and challenging participants in three areas; exercise, eating right and community service. Just like in the City Challenge all county employees were

invited to register in teams of 4-6 for a 10-week health and fitness challenge and will have the same point system. I take fitness and health very seriously and look forward to County employees making this health challenge. I also plan on turning up the competition on the City in the next few weeks.

**Arts, Culture, Cultural Tourism (ACCT) Committee—**The Board of County Commissioners recently established the Arts, Culture, Cultural Tourism (ACCT) Committee. Santa Fe County adopted Resolution 2014-35, establishing the committee to provide guidance to the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners on specific policies, projects, and other related items that would enhance and expand the arts, culture, and cultural

tourism industries in Santa Fe County. Look for meeting announcements and agendas in the near future.

I would like to remind residents we have a wonderful Cab Ride Home program that provides rides home from any establishment that sells liquor on Friday and Saturday evenings for nominal fees (\$5 for 1 or 2 people and \$10 for 3 or more). Call [505-438-0000](tel:505-438-0000) for a Cab Ride Home.

Law enforcement in Santa Fe County is saturating the roads with extra officers and patrols to catch drunk and unsafe drivers.



**County Manager**  
**Katherine Miller**





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Santa Fe County Treasurer's Office – (505) 986-6245

Santa Fe County Sheriff's Office – (505) 986-2455

SFC Adult Correctional Facility – (505) 428-3861

**Other Important Numbers**

Building Permits 505-986-6225

Fire Questions/ Burn Permit—505-992-3070

Utilities—505-992-9870

Public Works / Roads—505-992-3010

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